(b) The gauge conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge is in progress on some of the sections. There is at present no plan to convert all the metre gauge lines into broad gauge.

(c) The allotment of funds to various projects are being made on the basis of State-wise formula. The gauge conversion of metre gauge lines in Tamil Nadu is in progress as per the availability of resources.

Construction of over-bridges in Bangalore

1910. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken up the construction of over-bridges at Banaswadi and Lingarajapuram in Bangalore in collaboration with Bangalore Mahanagar Palika;

(b) if so, the present status of these works; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to expedite these works to ease movement of traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Railway is constructing Road Over Bridge (ROB) at both locations which include bridge proper over the-tracks and approaches.

(b) and (c) Work of foundation and sub-structure on both the Road Over Bridges has been completed and superstructure work is in progress. All efforts are being made by Railway to expedite the ongoing works. Both works *i.e.* Banaswadi ROB and Lingarajapuram ROB are likely to be completed in current financial year.

Proposal for bifurcation of Sambalpur Railway Division

1911. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sambalpur Railway Division in Orissa is proposed to be bifurcated and allocated to different Railway Zones;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are also aware that bifurcation will result